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SUBJECT: BANANAS: U.S. IMPORT AND PRICE DATE JULY

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1. THE FOLLOWING UPDATES REFTEL:

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PERCENTAGE

--			CHANGE	
--	U.S. IMPORTS	U.S. IMPORTS	IN IMPORTS	
--	OF BANANAS	OF BANANAS	JULY 1974	
--	FOR	FOR	COMPARED TO	
COUNTRY	1974	1973	JULY 1973	
--	(LBS)	(LBS)	PERCENT	
COSTA RICA	69,000,000	86,000,000	- 19.8	
ECUADOR	88,000,000	81,000,000	8.6	
GUATEMALA	34,000,000	28,000,000	17.9	
HONDURAS	79,000,000	70,000,000	12.9	
NICARAGUA	18,000,000	13,000,000	38.5	
COLOMBIA	13,000,000	10,000,000	30.0	
PANAMA	23,000,000	5,000,000	360.0	
MEXICO	NA	500,000	NA	
VENEZUELA	NA	1,000,000	NA	
OTHER	2,000,000	NA	NA	
TOTAL	326,000,000	294,000,000	10.9	

FIGURES ARE GROSS IMPORTS. NET EXPORTS WERE 35,000,000 IN JUNE 1974, AND GROSS IMPORTS FROM JANUARY THROUGH JUNE WERE 2706,000,000 LBS IN 1974 COMPARED TO 2,463,000,000 LBS IN 1973. (9.9).

2. THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS REPORTS THE IMPORTER SELLING PRICE FOR BANANAS FOR JULY AS \$4.02 PER 40 LB BOX (AVERAGE PRICE TAKEN ON TUESDAY OF THE WEEK IN WHICH THE 15TH OF THE MONTH FALLS).

3. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICE (40 LB BOX) ON THE NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS FOR JULY (COMPILED BY USDA) WAS:

	NEW YORK	SAN FRANCISCO
AUG. 1	4.50 - 5.00	5.00 - 5.40
AUG. 15	5.25 - 5.50	4.00 - 4.50
AUG. 30	5.50 - 5.75	4.60 - 5.00

THESE ARE THE PRICES CHARGED BY JOBBERS ON SALES TO RETAIL STORES AND ARE NOT THE IMPORT PRICES RECEIVED BY THE BIG UNCLASSIFIED

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3 IMPORTERS ON SALES TO JOBBERS. JOBBERS RIPEN THE FRUIT.

4. THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS REPORTS THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE FOR BANANAS IN THE U.S. FOR JUNE AS 23.1 CENTS PER POUND (\$ 9.24 PER BOX). KISSINGER

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